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FOLLOWING IS COUNTRY TEAM RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL:

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. 35 PER CENT- YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (YOUNG WINGS OF
POLITICAL PARTIES, YOUNG PARLIAMENTARISNS, ETC.)

15 PERCENT - YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

15 PER CENT- YOUNG LABOR LEADERS

08 PERCENT- EDUCATION (YOUNG FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION)

07 PER CENT- BUSINESS AND NDUSTRY

05 PER CENT - MEDIA

05 PER CENT- LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

05 PER CENT - UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

05 PER CENT - YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

B. RATIONALE: MAJOR POWR CENTERS IN DENMARK ARE POLITICAL
PARTIES, THE PARLIAMENT, GOVT BUREAUCRACY, TRADE UNIONS AND
BUSINESS. BUSINESS AND TRADE UNION LEADERS GENERALLY EMERGE
FROM THEIR OWN RANKS. MAIN ROUTES TO LEADERSHIP IN POLITICAL
PARTIES AND MEMBERSHIP IN FOLKETING HAVE BEEN PARTIES
YOUTH WINGS, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL GOVT. TRADE UNIONS
ARE IMPORTANT SOURCE OF LEADERSHIP IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

DENMARK HAS ONLY FOUR UNIVERSITIES (COPENHAGEN, AARHUS, ODENSE,

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ROSKILDE), ALL OF WHICH ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY LEFTIST-ORIENTED, LARGELY THROUGH INFLUENCE OF YOUNG FACULTY.

C. THERE ARE VARIETY OF SMALL BUT NOISY LEFTIST GROUPS WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST NATO, US POLICY IN INDO-CHINA, ETC; BUT NONE ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON US INTERESTS IN NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

II. OBJECTIVES.

A. 25 PERCENT- ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP

15 PERCENT - CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD US

15 PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES

10 PERCENT- DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS

10 PERCENT- INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US INTERESTS IN OR REGION (NATO) (EC)

05 PERCENT- FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE AND US INVESTMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS.

05 PERCENT- HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

05 PERCENT- ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO

NATIONAL PROBLEMS

05 PERCENT- COUNTER ACTIVITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE TO US INTERESTS

05 PERCENT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY.

B. RATIONALE: ALL DANES, INCLUDING YOUTH, SUFFER FROM " SMALL COUNTRY COMPLEX" AND THINK THAT US IS NOT INTERESTED IN DENMARK. A PRIMARY US OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO DEVELOP WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS AND DEMONSTRATE SINCERE INTEREST IN DANES AND DENMARK. DANES ARE GENERALLY VERY VERY WELL- INFORMED ON US POLICIES, BUT THERE IS ALSO SURPRISING AMOUNT OF IGNORANCE CONCERNING US SOCIETY AND REASONS BEHIND US POLICIES.

III. RESOURCES

A. TYPES OF GRANTS

40 PERCENT - CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS

30 PERCENT- CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

20 PERCENT - AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)

05 PERCENT - FOREIGN STUDENTS

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05 PERCENT - AMERICAN STUDENTS

B. TYPES OF PROGRAMS

50 PERCENT - USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING

40 PERCENT - CU AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

10 PERCENT - OTHER

IV RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH:

- A. ABOVE AVERAGE
- B. RATIONALE: YOUTH HAS LITTLE DIRECT INFLUENCE ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE, BUT SOME OF ITS ATTITUDES (PARTICULARLY ITS GENERALLY ANTI- NATO ORIENTATION) HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INDIRECT INFLUENCE ON DANISH POLITICIANS.
- C. 1. PERSONNEL TIME (U. S. OFFICERS) :
 - (Q) 05 PERCENT (10 MAN MONTHS PER YEAR)
 - (B) CONTACT WORK 70 PERCENT; REPORTING 5 PERCENT PROGRAMWORK 25 PERCENT
 - (C) STATE 30 PERCENT
 - USIA 55 PER CENT
 - DOD 05 PER CENT
 - OTHER 10 PER CENT
- 2. PROGRAM RESOURCES:
 - 24 PER CENT OF CU BUDGET
 - 15 PER CENT OF USIA BUDGET.

V. EMBASSY' S YOUTH PROGRAM:

EMBASSY' S YOUTH PROGRAM HAS BEEN TWO- PRONGED EFFORT OF FORMAL PROGRAMS AND INFORMAL CONTACTS, THE BULK OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DONE BY
USIS AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICERS, IN CLOSE COOPERATION.
REGRETTABLY, PERSONNEL TIME ALLOCATED FOR YOUTH WORK
WILL NECESSARILY
DECREASE CONSIDERABLY WITH REDUCTION OF POLITICAL SECTION FROM THREE
TO TWO ON JULY 1, DUE TO ELIMINATION OF POSITION #10-5550-124,
INCUMBENTS OF WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF
YOUTH COMMITTEE
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